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TAGS: LE SY PINS PEPR MILI
SUBJ: AHMAD KHATIB FREED

1. LT. AHMAD KHATIB, FOUNDER OF THE LEFTIST LEBANESE ARAB ARMY (LAA), WAS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY IN DAMASCUS ON AUGUST 6 AND HAS RETURNED TO BEIRUT, ACCORDING TO BEIRUT PRESS. KHATIB HAD BEEN IN PRISON FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS. ACCORDING TO L'ORIENT-LE JOUR, MAJOR YOUSSEF MANSOUR, THE LAA'S CHIEF OF STAFF, WAS ALSO FREED AT THE SAME TIME AND ALSO RETURNED TO BEIRUT.

2. KHATIB AND MANSOUR WERE UNDER HOUSE ARREST RECENTLY, WHEREAS PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD BEEN IN PRISON, THE PAPER REPORTED.

3. COMMENT: THE FREEING OF KHATIB, IF TRUE, IS
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MOST UNHELPFUL. IT MAY REFLECT SYRIAN ANGER OVER THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON TO DEAL WITH EXTREMIST CHRISTIAN OFFICERS SUCH AS HADDAD AND SHIDIAC, BUT IT WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN THE RESOLVE OF THE CHRISTIAN PARTIES AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE GOL TO SETTLE THE HADDAD AND SHIDIAC PROBLEMS.

DECONTROL AUG 9, 1979.
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